

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
13 FEBRUARY 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WELLS ROAD, CHILCOMPTON**

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Pickford (Chairman), Pike, Aldridge, Foster, Gregory, Maundrill, Morgan, Richardson-Aitken, Stanford & Thwaites.

Apologies: Cllrs. Bacik, Mattick. PCSO Nikki Housley.

2. **Public Participation:** There was one member of the public present. Freddy Wilcox spoke on the need for Stockhill Road to be gritted. During the recent freeze, she described conditions as "absolutely horrible", particularly for the many elderly people.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting:** In 6(a) it should have read 'extending' rather than 'increasing'. And in 17 Cllr Pickford commented on the damage being done to the grass verges on Stockhill Road. With these amendments, the minutes were agreed as true record and signed.
4. **Ongoing Matters:**
- a) 08/11 - Murals inside 2 Bus Shelters: Small amount of artwork still to be done. Cllr. Bacik confirmed the paint is available and in good condition to finish the job in the Spring. (06/08)
 - b) 09/12 - Radstock Museum - Community history exhibition: Chilcompton to be included in the second exhibition in 2014. 07/12
 - c) 12/12 - More rural housing in Parsonage Lane: Housing survey being carried out by Community Council for Devon on behalf of our Community Council. 10/12
5. **Matters Arising:**
- a) **Traffic Safety at Lynch Hill:** Awaiting the extension of the 30mph speed limit westwards as well as a feasibility study into further safety measures. 8/12
 - b) **Lights:** Various lights reported as malfunctioning. 71-73 Bennell, 42 Wells Rd, 4 Frys Well, 35 Broadway and 4,5 Gollodge Close. 7/12
 - c) **Jubilee Planter:** It was agreed to go with the quote given by Steve Davis. Cllr Pike declared an interest and did not vote. However there is a problem in that Somerset County Council are now saying that the planter should be smaller and more mobile. The clerk to arrange a site meeting with SCC's Neil Corp.8/12
 - d) **Community Speedwatch:** Still awaiting training for the speedgun. Cllr Morgan offered to do a session if he was helped by Terry Drake. 3/11
 - e) **Police Report:** PCSO Nikki Housley, in a written report, noted that on 22/01 there was a report of dangerous driving in the Co-op area, on the 23/01 snowballs were being thrown at a property, on the 29/01 a moped was being driven with 3 people on it from White Post roundabout to Chilcompton, on the 06/02 dogs were attacking sheep on Bowden Hill. The Police Community Contact dates would be put on the newsletter. Re the white van on Fry's Well, the council decided, with one objection and two abstentions, that the clerk should write again to PC Lindsey Rogerson saying that the vehicle was a danger.
 - f) **Stockhill church yard and boundary:** Cut back hedging around the graveyard on the inside, plus around the tree in the middle. Cllr Pickford to liaise with the Browns about what needed to be done. Budget set of £150.07/12
 - g) **Gritting & New Bins:** Cllr Mattick to put the new Parsonage Lane bin in place and the clerk to notify SCC so that it can be filled at the next opportunity.
 - h) **Overgrown wild garden in the Playing Field:** Being dealt with by the Scarterfields. Clerk to contact them to see if it has been done.

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- i) **Pill Box on Millenium Footpath:** Cllr Pickford had done various investigations as to who owned it and concluded that she thought it belonged to David Naish. Cllr Stanford said he would talk to Mr Naish.
- j) **Parsonage Lane Flooding:** The Clerk to contact SCC that they might do a site inspection when they come to talk about the Jubilee planter.
- k) **Pot holes:** Cllr Pickford, on behalf of Cllr Mattick, reported that there were holes on Tunnel Lane. Cllr Foster reported that SCC had said that the holes at the beginning of The Street on the bend would be repaired in the summer.

6. Playing Field – Children's Play Area Update: Re the cutting back work, Cllr Stanford said that he would get a written quote from Mr Tibbs for the full job as had been indicated by Cllr Mattick. Cllr Stanford also offered to complete a monthly checklist on the children's play equipment. The clerk to check with ROSPA if the checklist is adequate when they visit in the summer.

7. Village Plan Steering Committee Report: Meeting held 5/2/13. Cllr Stanford reported that he and Cllr Thwaites are helping Tony Barnes to complete the Design Statement. The VP will make reference to the DS. Certain areas of the final draft of the VP need refining, but it will be ready for printing by the end of February. The 3 questionnaires (Main, Business and Youth) are currently being printed. The sub-committee would be dissolved after the launch of the VP and the Parish Council would take over the responsibility.

8. Recreation Committee Report: Cllr Pike reported that the sub-committee formed to consider the proposed extension of the recreation field pavilion had reached a proposal to be considered by the council. They recommend that permission be given for an extension conditional on: (i) The planning conditions specified by MDC regarding usage times to be enforced and incorporated in the lease. (ii) The PC to be assured that funding streams for the complete development are in place before work commences. (iii) A clearly defined time scale for the completed development to be produced. (iv) Legal advice to be sought at the appropriate juncture to amend the lease as appropriate with the conditions above. This was approved unanimously by the Parish Council.

9. Planning Applications:

Sub committee

(a)2013/0020 Showroom extension at the Downside Motor Co, 35 Wells Road. Recommend approval.

10. Planning Decisions:

(a)2012/0734 Erection of 6 dwellings on land adjacent to the Redan Inn. Approved with conditions.

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11. New Website: The clerk reported that the sub-committee had met on 24/1. Alex Arnold had said that she would buy the silver edition of the Yola website (which she has now done) because there was always an opportunity to upgrade if necessary. She also asked for content. Cllrs Aldridge, Morgan and Thwaites said they would provide information on respectively village history, Chilcompton Celebrates and the Parish Council. Cllr Thwaites would draw up a letter asking village organisations what kind of presence they would like on the website.

12. Accounts:

679 – Alex Arnold	- website	-	65.23
680 – A. Pickford	- Chilcompton plan web	-	43.06
681 – Malcolm Rigby	- reimbursements	-	8.60
682 – Malcolm Rigby	- net salary	-	173.70
683 – Post Office (HMRC)	- Clerks Tax	-	43.40
684 – TPM (UK) Ltd	- Village Plan Questionnaire	-	<u>66.37</u>
			400.36

13. Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Thwaites said he would send the Parish Councillors his discussion document on a Neighbourhood Plan.

14. Litter: Overflowing bin near the Coop. It was decided that a second bin should be bought to go on the pavement near the Coop. The slightly smaller, but much cheaper, 'Guppy' bin was chosen. The bin would be delivered to Cllr Mattick, prior to a decision on how it should be fixed. Cllr Pickford asked the clerk to write to the Chief Executive of the Coop about putting another bin, perhaps simple plastic, actually outside the shop. Cllr Foster announced that should Mendip DC be willing to empty them, three litter and dog waste bins would be put around the village, using money from Chilcompton Celebrates. At the village hall, on Abbey Road and by the Millennium Steps.

15. Stockhill Road gritting: Following the recent big freeze there have been several complaints about the state of Stockhill Road because it does not get gritted. Buying more grit bins was discussed as was the purchase of a 'mini-gritter' with stashes of grit held at local farms. In the first instance the clerk was asked to write to SCC Highways and SCCllr Siggs to ask for guidance on how to proceed.

16. Correspondence: Two letters received from Stockhill Road residents on the question of gritting. One of them was also concerned with road side verges and the noise and disruption from contractor vehicles. The clerk reported that he had had two emails about 'litter picking days'. This

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is now largely dealt with by the 'litter picking volunteers' who operate as and when. Cllr Aldridge said, despite this, he would fix a day in the Spring.

17. Any Other Business:

- (a) Cllr Foster announced that Chilcompton Celebrates will take place on Sat 13th July.
- (b) Cllr Stanford asked how long should the wreathes stay at the War Memorial? Clerk to contact the British Legion in Midsomer Norton.
- (c) Cllr Stanford asked if the Emergency Plan was finalised? Cllr Thwaites replied that it could be reviewed when it goes on the new website.

18. Date of next meeting: This was fixed for Wednesday 13th March 2013. Planning Meeting on Wednesday 27th February 2013

19. Close: The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

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